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1. The medical curriculum at Budapest University from 1946 to 1949 was quite like US medical schools, however, in the US there is more emphasis on practical work whereas in Budapest there was more class work.
2. The tendency in Budapest in 1949 was to smaller classes and more seminar work.
3. Before entering the Budapest University Medical School, it was necessary to submit to a written test which included two very general questions relating to politics. The answers to these questions probably gave some indication as to the political philosophy of the applicant. There were some applicants who were refused admission to the Medical School as a result of their answers to the political questions. 50X1
4. [redacted] the Medical School at Budapest University [redacted] was as good as class "A" US medical schools. [redacted] the Medical Library compared favorably with US medical libraries in class "A" schools. 50X1
5. The minimum requirements for medical students was 20 hours per week, although the average book load was 40 hours. 50X1
6. [redacted] the enrollment in the Medical School was more than could be comfortably accommodated. As an example of the crowded conditions, [redacted] cite the conditions in the laboratories. Some of the courses called for 10 hours of laboratory work each week. Because of the large enrollment, the students were oftentimes able to put in only one-half of the stated time. It was necessary for the students to share time with others. 50X1
7. The Medical Course consisted of five years at the University and one year internship. The required courses for an MD degree [redacted] with the hours per week, were: 50X1

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FIRST YEAR

Medical Physics - - - - -	5	hours
Medical Chemistry (very thorough) - - - - -	5	"
Anatomy - - - - -	7 1/2	"
Histology - - - - -	3	"
Physiology Laboratory - - - - -	3-5	"
Anatomy Laboratory - - - - -	10	"
Histology Laboratory - - - - -	2-3	"

SECOND YEAR

Physiology - - - - -	7 1/2	hours
Anatomy - - - - -	5	"
Physiology Laboratory - - - - -	10	"
Anatomy Laboratory - - - - -	10	"
Biochemistry - - - - -	5	" (*)
(* Plus 3 hours Laboratory)		
Physical Chemistry - - - - -	5	"

THIRD YEAR

Outlines of Medicine - - - - -	2	hours
Pathology - - - - -	7 1/2	"
Pathology Laboratory - - - - -	10	"
Pathophysiology - - - - -	5	"
Pathophysiology Laboratory - - - - -	5	"
Bacteriology - - - - -	5	"
Medical Diagnostics (Rounds of Hospitals) - - - - -	2	"
Pharmacology - - - - -	5	"
Pharmacology Laboratory - - - - -	3	"

FOURTH AND FIFTH YEARS

Medicine - - - - -	4 Semesters - - - - -	5 hours each
Public Health - - - - -	2 Semesters - - - - -	5 hours each
Surgery - - - - -	4 Semesters - - - - -	5 hours each
Pediatrics - - - - -	2 Semesters - - - - -	5 hours each
Dermatology - - - - -	2 Semesters - - - - -	5 hours each
Obstetrics & Gynecology - - - - -	2 Semesters - - - - -	5 hours each

Plus delivery-room duty of varied lengths.

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Ophthalmology - - - - -	2 Semesters - - - - -	5 hours each
Neurology - - - - -	2 Semesters - - - - -	3 hours each
Forensic Medicine - - - - -	2 Semesters - - - - -	3 hours each

SIXTH YEAR

Medicine - - - - -	3	months
Surgery - - - - -	2	months
Obstetrics and Gynecology - - - - -	2	months
Ophthalmology - - - - -	2	months
Dermatology - - - - -	1	month
Pediatrics - - - - -	1	month
Neurology - - - - -	1	month

At the end of each of these periods an examination was given.

8. During the first five years, examinations were given as follows:

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END OF FIRST YEAR

Medical Physics and Chemistry

DURING THE SECOND YEAR

Biochemistry

END OF SECOND YEAR

Anatomy
Histology
Physiology

END OF THIRD YEAR

Pathology
Pathophysiology
Bacteria

END OF FOURTH OR FIFTH YEAR

Pharmacology

END OF SIXTH YEAR

Forensic Medicine
Public Health

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9. There were elective courses in the Medical School. One elective strongly recommended to the students was Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Course for two semesters.
 10. From 1946 to 1949 [redacted] there were also required courses in Social Science, two hours each week and the Russian language, two hours weekly. In the Social Science class, such topics as Marxist theory were taught.
 11. There were many demands made on the time of the medical students. Everyone volunteered for political work, such as canvassing neighborhoods, attending political rallies and helping to clean the rubble in the streets. Some political meetings were held as early as 6:00 AM.
 12. I used the word "volunteered" advisedly, because it was generally believed that by performing political work, they were making life easier for themselves.

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